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A Supplemental Examiner's Amendment and Examiner-initiated Interview Summary are attached.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

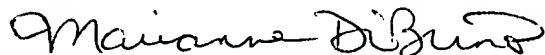
Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given by Mr. James Mullen in a telephonic interview on 11/28/05.

2. In the specification: On page 1 of the specification at line 5, "currently pending" has been deleted, and replaced with --now U.S. Patent No. 5,723,128, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 07/844,716 filed 2 March 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,888,512, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 07/755,584 filed 3 September 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 07/672,147 filed 19 March 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/561,246 filed 30 July 1990, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 07/008,846 filed 30 January 1987, now abandoned--.

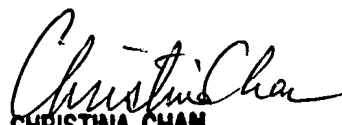
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Marianne DiBrino whose telephone number is 571-272-0842. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Christina Y. Chan, can be reached on 571-272-0841. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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